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Local and Personal News.

A Good Drama and L-KO Comedy next Thursday.

Ex-Judge J. H. McManus was over to

to town yesterday trading. Jason Dodd, of Bardley, was in town over night Wednesday buying supplies.

J. E. Adams, of Oxly, was here the first of this week looking after busi-

Special production Saturday night, this week for Scooby, Miss., on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Otto Harmon .

County Treasurer W. F. McClain went over to the Bluff the first of the week to spend a day or so visiting rewent over to the Bluff the first of the

W. A. Jackson, and attorney from Pocanontas, Ark., was in town the forepart of this week looking after some legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Aereback returned from Hot Springs, Ark:, the latter part of last week. They will probably leave Saturday for their home at Den-

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brooks, of Moberly Mo., were in town last Saturday, They are visiting at the home of Judge They are visiting at the home of Judge for Oklahoms, where Mr. Griffin will and Mrs. L. A. Harper, a few miles work in the oil fields. Mr. Griffin and

Presiding Judge Jas. K. Langford left Wednesday noon for Puxico and other points in Sieddard county on business matters. He will be gone for two or three weeks.

Albert Taylor, of the Pratt neigh borhood, was in town last Saturday and closed a deal with John Casteel, whereby he disposed of his farm. Mr. Casteel is now living at Corning, Ark., but will move up to his farm in a short

Ratz Bros., mule buyers, of Red Bud, Ill., were here last Friday and team will go to Poplar Bluff to day for Saturday and bought several head of mules. They have been coming here for the past several years and always intention of winning the game. Miss buy a good many mules, usually pay
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Estella Durand will go along as coach.

Special report to Hiplay Coachy Democrat Ratz Bros., mule buyers, of Red buy a good many mules, usually pay-ing very good prices for them.

Sunday visiting friends and relatives, ling him his stock of merchandise. Mr. He preached at the Presbyterian church | Whitwell will take charge the first of last Sunday morning. He was at one time pastor of the church here. His home is now in Illinois where he is interests.

A local basket ball team went down and played a game of basket ball with a T. L. Polliam, left yesterday morning team at Success. The score was 17 to in Mr. Booker's car, for a hunting trip claim that the game was taken away from themily the referee. from them by the referee. Mac Finch accompanied the boys on the trip.

The ladies of the Catholic chure gave a box supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waiter Clark, about two miles cast of town, last Thursday night. About \$40.00 was realized from the sale

At the meeting last Monday night of the Modern Woodman lodge, the an-nual election of officers was held, and nual election of officers was held, and the following were elected: Venerable Council, R. W. Bell; Advisor, Dave Hecht; Banker, W. A. Truby; Clork, B. H. Owang; Escore, G. W. Pepmiller; Watchman, L. McCours; Sentry, Will O'Neill; Manager, C. D. Fugata; Phy-alcians, Drs. Prootor and Huma.

Next Friday night, the 17th, the Srd nd 4th spisodes of the "Master Key."

L. A. Atkins returned Saturday from Kanass City where he had been or

Street Commissioner Benj. Burbridge was on the sick list this week, and wa unable to be at work

The Romance of Elaine, each Tues day night. The reels are in better condition at each show. Supt. Phil Carrol, of the I. M. Ry

as over from the Bluff the latter par of last week on official business. Presiding Elder Rev. J. E. Martin

same over from the Bluff Sunday evening. He returned home Tuesday.

The City School board held a busi-

Hon and Mrs. W. A. Pearce left this week for Jackson, Miss., where they will spend the winter with their daughter and family, Mrs. Chas. W. Atkinson

County Treasurer W. P. McClain returned yesterday from Poplar Bluff where he had been on a couple days visit with his daughter, Mrs. H. E.

J. N. Griffin and family left this week on drove overland and the rest of the family went on the train.

which held forth for the greater of last week in this city, closed their show Saturday night, and moved to Corning, Ark., Sunday,

An earthquake shock was plainty felt in this city last Tuesday about 12:45, it shaking windows and dishes and making quite a rumbling noise, lasted for about two minutes.

P. J. Burford this week closed a deal Rev. N. A. Carens was here over with Pope Whitwell, of Bennett, sellthe coming year. Mr. Burford will de-vote his time looking after his other

Circuit Clerk C. O. Booker, City Marshall Wm. R. Moore, City Water Supt. "Butch" Gentry and merchant

County Collector G. S. Limes, who has been confined to his home for several weeks past, with kidney trouble, is not greatly improved. It was proposed to take him to a hospital in Illinois, the first of this week, but his condition was

present employed at the Racket store

arand Avenue Hotel. The repairs were

form, spribers of town, on the

There were present Dr. S. A. Proctor, mayor; R. T. Fusrd, W. H. Mercell, C. E. Martin, aldermen; Chas. L. Ferguson, city attorney; Wm. R. Moore, marchal and collector; Jno. A. Pollium, eight marshal and B. Centry, superintendent of waterworks. The re-ignation of J. U. Swain, as city clerk was presented and accepted, and the appointment of W. C. Mabrey, was laid before the heard by the mayor and the before the board by the mayor and the same was confirmed. The reports of the mayor, marshal and collector, street sere filed, read and approved by the coard. A number of accounts were al-owed out of the general revenue and exterworks funds. Warrants were or-lered issued to the fire boys who made dered issued to the fire boys who made the run to the fire which destroyed the Schriver home in November. It was expected that a petition for an electric light franchise would be presented by Homer N. Miles, but on account of not having it ready, it was not presented.

An Eulogy On The Dog.

The following article is published

The best friend a man has in th vorld may turn against him and be his nemy. His son or his daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove

Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and good name may become traitors to their faith.

The money that a man has be may loose. It flies away from him perhaps when he needs it most.

A man's ruputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw stones of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads.

The only absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this world, the one that never descris him, the one that never proves ungrateful is his dog.

A man's dog stands by him to pros perity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground where the winter winds blow and the snow drives flereely if only he kiss the hand that has no food to offer. he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounters with the roughness of the world.

He guards the sleep of his paupernater as if he were a prince.

falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, frienless and homeless, the faithful dog seks no higher privelege than that of accompanying him to guard against his enemies.

and death takes master in its embrace and his body is laid away is the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful, and true, even to death.

Special report to Hipley County Democrat National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 7th, 1915.—There were 12000 hogs on the total were direct to packers. The in-quiry on Eastern account was brisk with trade opening active and strong, with trade opening active and strong, the early top being \$6.85, but the trade kept improving and closed fully 10c higher; late top \$6.72 1.2. The bulk of the good hogs 160 lbs. and upwards sold at \$5.25 to \$6.50; rough hogs \$6 to \$6.25; pigs 120 to 150 lbs \$5.50 to \$6.25 with lighter pigs bringing \$5 to \$6.50.

Today'st, supply of 7500 cattle had weak competition of all buyers. Today actues compare with last week's close are steady on canners, 25 to 50c lower on butcher cattle, 25c lower on stockers and feeders and 40c per cwt lower on beef steers with the exception

stockers and feeders and 400 per cwt lower on beef steers with the exception of prime steers which are educe and steedy.

Although there was a scarcity of good lambs, the trade was weak and averaged 15c lower than yesterday with best kinds quetable at \$9. Fat sheep strong; top 25; canners \$3 to \$3 50.

War On Paint

Joe Suilenger and Miss Jessie Orifbrida's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Griffin, two miles southeast of town, on

Tuesday evening.

They will make their home on the Griffin farm, as Mr. Griffin and family.

Moth roung have gone to Oklahoma. Both young people are well and favorably known in their neighborhood and have the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

Marriage Licenses.

Recorder John W. Young has issued Edward A. Barnett, Grandin Luis Depugh, Grandin Dec. 7th.

Europe Buys More Freely of American Feedstuffs.

Crope Are 400,000,000 Bushels Larger Then Last Year and the Prices

Washington.—Figures compiled by the department of agriculture indicate that the American farmer has seized the psychological moment to boom his business. European nations, so busy fighting they could not maintain their usual agricultural product, bought more freely of American feedstuffs than ever before, and the American farmer promptly planted more than ever before.

The aggregate production of all

The aggregate production of all crops this year is estimated to be 7 per cent larger than last year. Last year (the first year of the war) the United States exported possibly less than 10 per cent of what was produced than 10 per cent of what was produced in agriculture. If half of the increased production be regarded as available for export, the total of this year's crops evallable for export will be 25 per cent more than the amount exported last year.

The first year of the war resulted in

a 32 per cent increase over the year before in the value of agricultural products. The thrifty, far-seeing ers, noting this demand, immediately planted more. The result was the total acreage of the 1915 crops is ated at more than ten million larger than last year—3.4 per

cent.

The war commodities that showed increased acreage were sugar beets, 12 per cent increase; rice, 13 per cent; wheat, 11 per cent; sweet potatoss, 10 per cent; tobacco, 3 per cent; corn, 6 per cent; cats, 6 per cent; corn, 6 per cent; rye, 2 per cent; potatoes, nearly 1 per cent. Flax, barley and cotton acreage decreased.

Not only did the acreage increase, but the department's figures indicate an increased yield per acre.

The demand for wheat last year practically exhausted the reserve usually carried over from one year to an-

practically exhausted the reserve usually carried over from one year to another. The demand for corn was impelling, 50,000,000 bushels (2 per cent) being exported from a crop of 2,672,000,000 bushels last year. Fifteen years ago America regularly exported 10 per cent of the total corn production, but of late years less than 2 per cent has been sold abroad.

The department estimates, however, that 2 foreigners were willing to pay the price the American farmer could accommodate them with 250,000,000 bushels out of this year's crop, which

bushels out of this year's crop, which is more than 400,000,000 larger than

last year.

Exports of cats took a big jump in the first year of the war. Agricultural department estimates 97,600,000 bushels were sent to the other side—8 per cent of the crop. Usually the oats crop is consumed at home. Out of the increased exports last year the farmer took about one cent a bushel more.

Cotton exports slumped. Usually about 65 or 70 per cent of the crop is exported. Nothing like this amount went abroad during the first year of the war—8,245,000 bales, against 9,180,000 bales in the year previous. Southern farmers, noting that cotton was contrabend, planted less cotton this pears and the crop will be less than

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- 22c

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